

PROPOSALS

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- Printing the TRANSLATION of a LATIN MANUSCRIPT, written by Judge CRAIG, one of the Judges of *Scotland*, in the Reign of King *James VI.* before his Accession to the Throne of *England*.

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De HOMINIS:

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Dispute against those who maintain, That *Scotland* is a Fee or Feu-liege of *England*, and that the King of *Scots* owes Homage to the King of *England* upon that Account.

THE Manuscript above-mentioned, bearing date *March 6. 1602.* is supposed to have been by some unfair Methods taken out of some Publick Library, if not from the Archives of *Scotland*, it being Writ with more than ordinary Care and Curiosity. By the Margin of the ~~same~~ Page, it appears to have sometime belonged to the Great General, Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, his Name being writ upon it with his own Hand, and a Line or two importing that it was presented to him by *Christopher Irwin*, Chyrurgion, *March 20. 1656.* the Registers of *Scotland* being about that time seiz'd and dispers'd by *Oliver*. The Opinion which that Great Person had of its Consideration and Weight, appears by a Note upon one of the blank Pages, signed with his own Hand, desiring Sir *John Goodrick* to return it after a full perusal. And there are also several Notes relating to the Subject-matter, writ by the said General upon divers of the Margins. The Manuscript would seem to have been preserved by a special Providence, and generously communicated to the Publishers by a very Worthy Gentleman of *Yorkshire*, whose Name, if it be allowed, shall be inserted in the Preface, or Title-page, that the Publick may know to whom it is they are so much oblig'd.

The Parts, Quality, and Publick Station of the Author, who is very well known to the Learned in the Law, by his Book, *de Feudis, &c.* are sufficient to recommend it to any Man that ever heard of his Fame. The Subject-Matter is such, as will doubtless render it highly Valuable to all *Scots men*; and the great Variety of Learning, both in History and Law, which is discovered throughout the whole, will no doubt render it acceptable to all Ingenious and Curious Men of the Three Kingdoms: And therefore that the Publick may enjoy the benefit of such a Valuable Piece,

It is propos'd, To Print the same in *English*, upon the same Paper, and in the same Character with these Proposals, in *Octavo*, at 4 s. per Book in Quires, the Book being to consist of about Thirty Sheets in Print. And for the Encouragement of Subscribers, those who Subscribe for Six, shall have a Seventh gratis. Those who will be pleas'd to encourage the Publishing of such a Curious Book, which is indeed a Critick upon most of the Common Historians, are desired to pay in half the Subscription-money to Mr. *Bell* and Mr. *Luntly*, at the Pestle and Mortar in *Chancery-Lane*, where they shall have Receipts as usual: And those in *Scotland* are desired to pay theirs to Mr. *Alexander Henderson*, Bookseller in the Lucken-booth at *Edinburgh*; and upon payment of the other half, the Books shall be delivered, God willing, about the 25th of *December* next, or sooner, if it meet with due Encouragement.

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